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HAZNERS

REFS: (A) BONN 5615; (B) STATE 68382 (REPEATED USBER
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1. THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBURG LAND LIAISON OFFICER IN STUTTGART VISITED THE ZENTRALE STELLE IN LUDWIGSBURG LAST WEEK TO SEEK INFORMATION REQUESTED BY REF (B). OFFICIALS IN LUDWIGSBURG, WHILE POINTING OUT THAT THEY HAD TURNED OVER ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING HAZNERS TO US OFFICIALS ON AUGUST 28, 1975, WERE EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND DEVOTED THREE HOURS TO DIGGING OUT INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTION CONCERNING THE "RIGAER SCHUTZMANN-SCHAFT." FOLLOWING IS THE INFORMATION OBTAINED AS RELAYED TO THE EMBASSY BY TELEPHONE.

2. THE NAME "RIGAER SCHUTZMANNSCHAFT" BY ITSELF MEANS VERY LITTLE. THERE WERE NUMEROUS "SCHUTZMANNSCHAFTEN" IN THE RIGA AREA, BUT NONE OF THEM BEAR THE NAME "RIGAER SCHUTZMANNSHAFT" ALONE. THE FILES INDICATE THAT
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THE FOLLOWING BATTALIONS WITH THAT GENERAL DESIGNATION EXISTED IN THE RIGA AREA:

SCHUTZMANNSHAFT BATTALION 16 RIGA
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SCHUTZMANNSHAFT BATTALION 19 RIGA

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SCHUTZMANNSHAFT BATTALION 20 RIGA
SCHUTZMANNSHAFT BATTALION 22 RIGA BOLDERAA
SCHUTZMANNSHAFT BATTALION 23 RIGA BOLDERAA
SCHUTZMANNSHAFT BATTALION 27 RIGA MAGNISHOLM

3. LUDWIGSBURG DOES HAVE FILE NUMBERS FOR FILES APPLYING TO EACH OF THE ABOVE ORGANIZATIONS, ALL OF WHICH WERE ORGANIZED IN THE PERIOD MARCH - APRIL 1942. ACCORDING TO THEIR RECORDS, HAZNERS' FUNCTION WAS TO ORGANIZE AND TRAIN THESE UNITS, SO IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE DID NOT ACTUALLY BELONG TO ANY ONE OF THEM. LUDWIGSBURG SUGGESTS THAT SINCE THE NAME "RIGAER SCHUTZMANNSCHAFT" CAME FROM HAZNERS' OWN DEBRIEFING (AND WAS IN THE FILES PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED THE USG FROM LUDWIGSBURG), INS MIGHT ASK HAZNERS WHICH OF THE UNITS HE BELONGED TO.

4. LUDWIGSBURG ALSO SEARCHED MILITARY HISTORICAL RECORDS BUT FOUND NO INFORMATION ON A UNIT WITH THE NOMENCLATURE IN QUESTION. THE ONES DESCRIBED ABOVE WERE POLICE ORGANIZATIONS, AND NORMALLY THE POLICE DID NOT HAVE UNIT HISTORIANS AND DID NOT MAINTAIN CENTRAL RECORDS.

5. OFFICIALS AT LUDWIGSBURG DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE TO MAKE INQUIRIES AT DORTMUND. AS
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NOTED IN REF (A), THE EMBASSY INITIALLY APPROACHED THE FOREIGN OFFICE, BUT THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS GEARED TO HANDLING INQUIRIES SUCH AS THIS ONLY ON THE BASIS OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES WHICH ARE THEN RELAYED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. THE PROCESS IS, AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, QUITE TIME CONSUMING. GIVEN THE TIME PRESSURES INDICATED IN REF (B), WE HAVE NOT ASKED THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO QUERY DORTMUND BUT WILL DO SO IF INS STILL BELIEVES IT MIGHT PROVE PRODUCTIVE.
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